

CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER

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OIL HUNT UNDER NORTH SEA

IN this picture a ship has just fired an explosive charge, the echoes of which will be picked up by underwater microphones. This is the method being employed to find likely spots on the bed of the North Sea where drilling for oil and natural gas may be started.

The course of each ship concerned in the survey is plotted by radar with great accuracy. From the different types of echo received from different types of rock, a film can be made showing the scientist what is likely to be met with, at this spot or that, if a drilling rig is erected and a drill lowered to bite its way thousands of feet down through the sea bottom.

Special Barges

Orders have already been placed with a British shipyard for two special barges from which drilling can be done, and which will be able to stand a winter in the North Sea.

American oil companies intend to establish or expand bases in Britain from which men and equipment will join the oil hunt.

The first well to produce oil or gas in any acceptable quantity will start a revolution in Britain's future, just as the extensive mining of coal did a century ago.

The whole business is an expensive gamble which might make a vast fortune, or lose a considerable one.

TREASURE HUNT!

Fourteen special cash prizes are just waiting to be won in a series of big and exciting new competitions beginning in CN next week.

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IN BRITAIN NOW

GOOD START FOR ALAN

HERE is Alan Rocker, at 14 the youngest boy at Shoreham Grammar School, Sussex, to take O-level GCE this summer. He tackled eight subjects—and passed in every one.



Alan likes to read anything he can lay his hands on

This term Alan has gone into the Sixth Form, where he will prepare for his A-level. Then he would like to get a scholarship to Trinity College, Cambridge. Afterwards he hopes to work his way round the world before taking up a career—perhaps in advertising, or maybe politics. Also, he wants to have a shot at motor racing and parachute jumping. He reads anything from Science Fiction and James Bond to Economics and Political History.

Alan's father runs a garage in Brighton.

40 YEARS AGO

(From CN issue dated 25th October, 1924.)

Automatic danger signals at crossroads are an innovation on some of the French high-ways.

The signals are electrical, and whenever a car passes a point a hundred yards from the intersection a warning light flashes on the other road for a few seconds so that an approaching driver may have his car under full control. Contact to turn on the light is made by the motorcar wheels passing over a metal bar spanning the roadway.

VETERAN RUN

The annual Veteran Car run from London to Brighton, which will take place on 1st November, has this year attracted the maximum number of entries—250. Among them is an 1892 single-cylinder Bremer, which is believed to be the oldest British-built four-wheeled car in existence.

It took part in last year's run, the first time it had been on the road since 1903. From 1930 until last year, the car had been in a London museum, and it is the museum authorities who have arranged that the Bremer shall have a run again next month.

Other veterans come from Lord Montagu's famous motor museum at Beaulieu, Hampshire. They are an 1899 Century Tandem, and a Mercedes of 1903.

Coming Events

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Special Event

○ **EDINBURGH** : Big barks and small barks—all sorts in fact—at the Scottish Kennel Club Championship Show Waverley Market, 30th-31st October

Also

○ **NUNEHAM COURTENAY**, near Oxford : A keen eye and a steady hand will be the order at the British National Ploughing Match, 28th-29th October

○ **TITCHFIELD** : Carnival Procession and Bonfire in the little Hampshire village, 2nd November

WHAT A MESS!

BETWEEN 25th June and 19th August, workmen spent a total of 281 hours clearing litter from the Malvern Hills.

Mr. W. A. Cadman, deputy surveyor of the New Forest, told a meeting that by the end of the current season (March to October):

No fewer than 235,000 people would have camped in the New Forest;

800 tons of litter, excluding abandoned cars, would have been collected;

22,000 to 25,000 milk bottles would have been removed;

Litter lorries would have travelled some 21,000 miles.

HEATED MEETING

A very small boy broke up a meeting of company directors the other evening—with good reason.

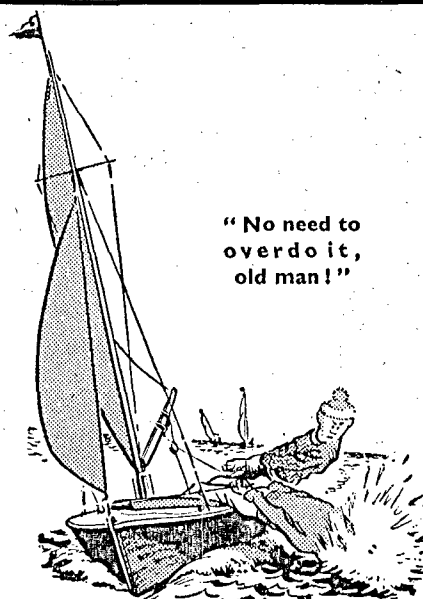
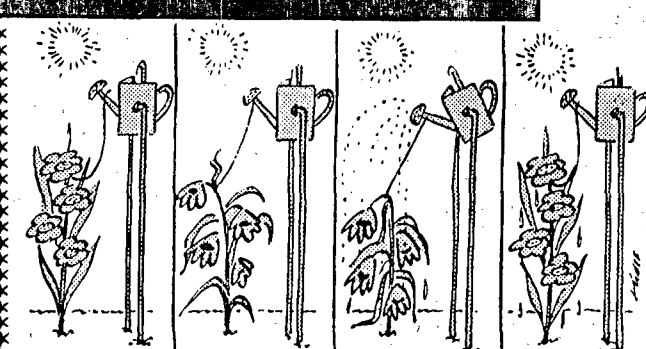
The directors were discussing plans at their clothing factory in east London when there was a tap at the door. A little boy crept nervously in and said: "Mister, your factory's on fire."

Sure enough it was. Flames were spreading from the basement up to the first floor.

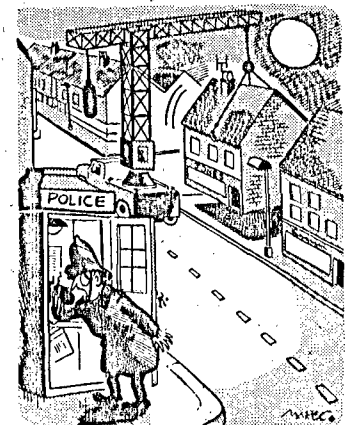
PANE EXPENSE

Surrey schools are to have armour-plated glass in place of the ordinary "football-prone" panes. The job will take three years and cost £98,760.

LAUGH TIME



"No need to overdo it, old man!"

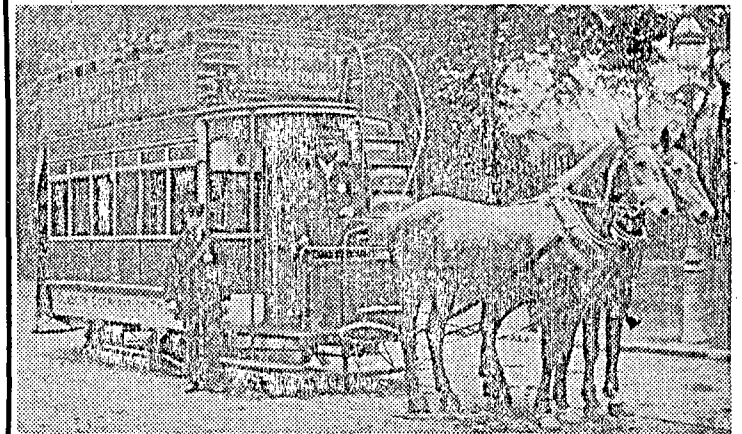


"Send a squad car, sergeant—an unusual case of shop-lifting."

It seems to me...

CN "TREASURE HUNTS"

NEXT week, as you may have noticed already from the front page, we shall be publishing the first of a new series of articles, each of which will have a competition attached.



You can read all about this Scottish tram next week

Each article will be about a city in Britain and one of its museums. The competition will be such that you have to pay a visit to the museum in question before you can take part.

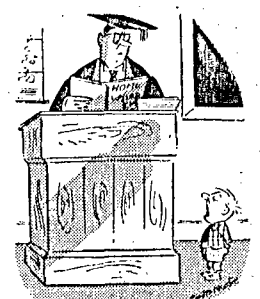
When we were arranging all this, I went to these museums myself, and I soon found out what fascinating places they are. In each case I was shown round by the Director or Curator concerned, but I think I was a bit of a nuisance to them. I was missing half the time, because I'd spotted something interesting and had gone off to investigate!

The competition will be a regional one—that is, it will be confined to one part of the country at a time. Don't worry, though. It will be moving round, and with any luck it should come your way.

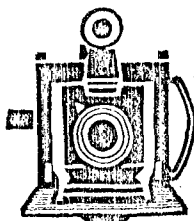
The idea behind it is unusual and exciting (and the prizes are worth having, too!).

Look out for further details in CN next week.

The Editor



"If you don't like my work, why don't you fire me?"



KNOW YOUR NEWS

MEXICO, OLD AND NEW

NEARLY 3,000 babies are born in Mexico every day. The population totals about 40 million.

A lot of extra food must be grown to feed so many in a land where only one acre in ten is suitable for farming.

These are challenging facts for Dr. Gustavo Diaz Ordaz, who begins six years of office as President on 1st December.

But he inherits a land which, slowly building on three revolutions in 154 years, is fast catching up with the Twentieth Century.

The first revolution began in 1810. Mexico then threw off three centuries of Spanish colonial rule.

The second followed war (1845-48) with the United States and led to a long dictatorship under Porfirio Diaz.

Big Reforms

The last (1910-20) heralded a period of social and economic improvement.

A middle-class has now emerged between the old "top layer" and the peasantry. Land ownership has been reformed, new industries created, and the powers of American, British, and other foreign interests over

Mexican soil and minerals checked.

Nevertheless poorer Mexicans complain that progress has passed them by, and it is true that one Mexican in three still cannot read or write the national language, which is Spanish.

One-third of Mexico's three million Indians speak only their native tongue even today.

**By Our
Special Correspondent**

Before the Spaniards arrived, Mexico was the centre of a remarkable series of Indian civilisations. The last was the Aztec, which was destroyed by "stout Cortez" and his Spanish adventurers in the 16th century.

The Spaniards built Mexico City, some 8,000 feet up in the sierras, on the ruins of the Aztec city of Tenochtitlan.

From his palace in this splendid capital, the new President will survey his assets and liabilities.

His assets include a better understanding between Mexico and the United States than at any time since the Americans took Arizona, California, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, and part of Colorado from the Mexicans about 120 years ago.

River Frontier

The two countries share a 1,600-mile frontier, most of it along the Rio Grande river.

A century ago this great river altered course, leaving some Mexican land at El Paso high and dry in US territory.

After a long legal dispute the river is now being forced, at great expense, to "bend back" to where it flowed before and "return" the land to Mexico.

Other countries are now helping to develop Mexico's trade.

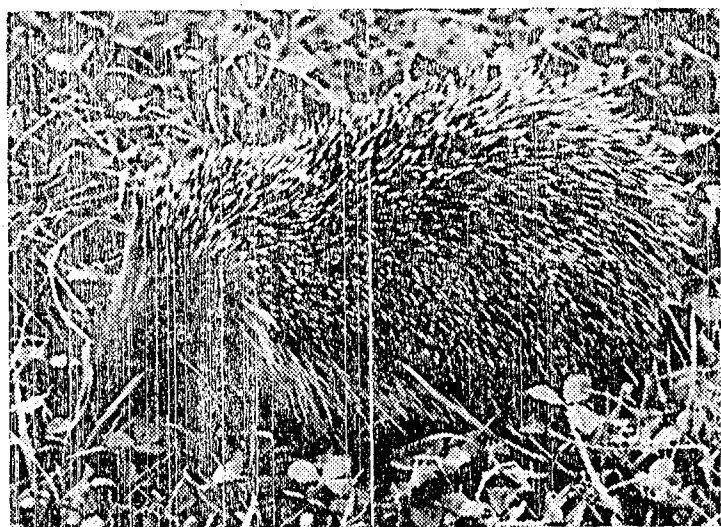
One of these is France, which in the 1860s created a short-lived monarchy in Mexico under an Austrian archduke, Maximilian.

Britain is increasing her trade, and a visit planned for Prince Philip this autumn is aimed at further popularising British goods in Mexico.

READERS' LETTERS

CHARMING ANIMALS

Dear Sir,—This hedgehog (below), which came into our garden last week, was trying to find a place to hibernate, I think.



Looking for a place to hibernate—Peter Jennings's hedgehog

It was very friendly, and drank a saucer of milk before ambling off into the hedge.

It is a pity that so many hedgehogs are killed on the roads, for they are charming animals.

Peter Jennings (11), Cambridge.

BIG OR SMALL

Dear Sir,—I would like to know if any other readers of CN have any pictures of trains that they do not want.

If so, could they please send them to me, as I collect them. I do not mind whether they are big or small.

T. Manuell, 123 Chestnut Avenue, Dogsthorpe, Peterborough, Northamptonshire.

BACK FROM THE "DEAD"

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the article by Maxwell Knight about Playing 'Possum (issue dated 3rd October).

One Sunday afternoon, about three weeks ago, we were playing on the lawn with a frog that I had just caught, and after about ten minutes it went all limp and didn't move for about five minutes. We all thought it was dead.

Then I poured a jar of water over it and suddenly it came to life again.

Sarah Hooper, Drybrook, Gloucestershire.

DESPERATE!

Dear Sir,—If any readers would like a pen friend in Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika or Zanzibar, aged 10-14 years, would they please write to me.

They are almost desperate for British pen friends.

Clive R. Hilton, 33 Sandringham Avenue, Leicester.

MUSICAL BOYS?

Dear Sir,—I am a Norwegian girl who want to write with boys. I am 14 years of age. My hobby is music.

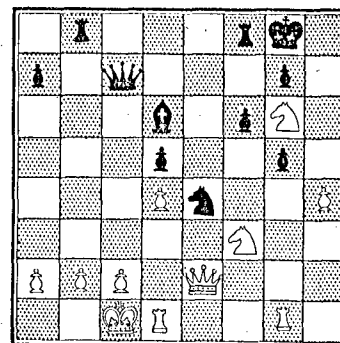
Berit Karin Hvinden, Lunner, Hadeland, Norway.

CN CHESS CLUB

IN the Junior International tournament held at Zurich recently, P. N. Lee, the English representative, came second.

H. Pfleger of West Germany won the tournament and has been invited to play in the great Hastings tournament at Christmas.

For those chess players who live near Coventry, try to go to the technical college on Saturday, 7th November. The British Lightning Team Championship is being held there and most of the leading junior and senior players will be present.

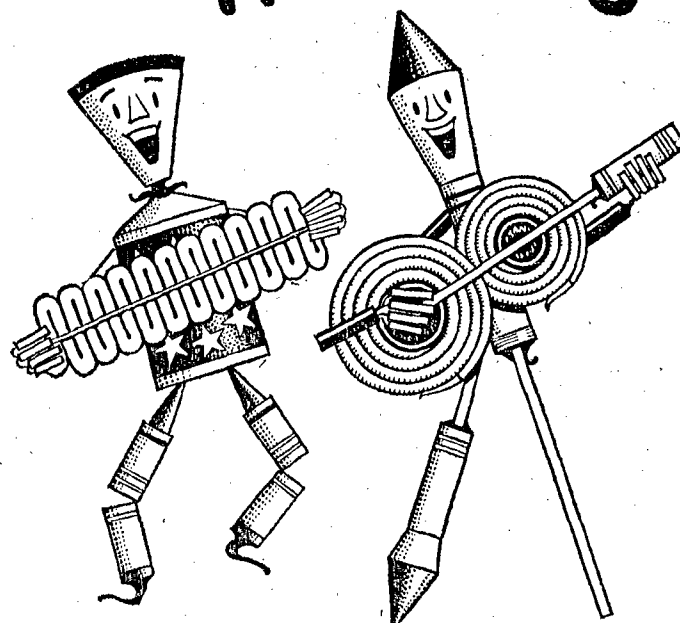


This week's problem comes from a game played in the Junior International tournament. Black plays and White immediately resigns. Can you find the move?

T. MARSDEN

Answer on page 12

TOP OF THE 'POPS'

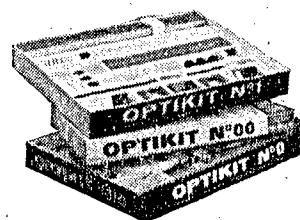


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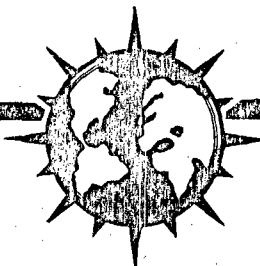
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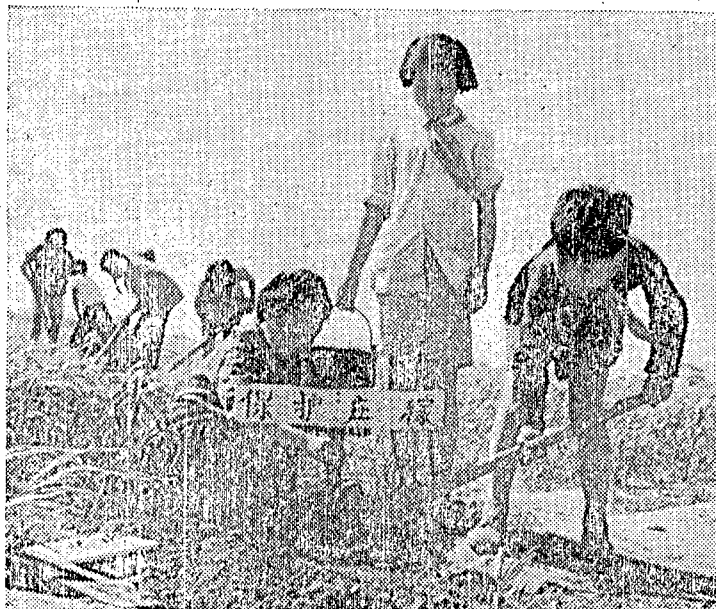
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THIS WIDE WORLD

KEEP OFF THE CROPS



Peking children doing a useful job of work by putting up a "Keep Off the Crops" sign outside the city. Chinese children are encouraged to feel they have a part to play in the life of their country

HELPING HAND FOR NATURE

THE Yankari Game Reserve in Nigeria has hardly any wild predators or scavengers; now it is proposed to re-introduce lions there from neighbouring Cameroun. This, it is hoped, would attract back the hyenas, which depend for their food on the remains of kills by lions. At present the hyenas and vultures have forsaken the reserve and gone off to become pests in villages and even towns. Hyenas are so hungry that they are attacking live animals.

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In the USSR a power dam on the Volga has been threatening the Volga sturgeon fishery. Even with the aid of specially-constructed fish ladders, the sturgeon were not able to ascend the river from the Caspian Sea to their spawning ground in the head-waters.

The sturgeon are now to be reared in fish hatcheries on the Lower Volga, and already more than 20 million fry have been released into the Caspian.

SPACE STATION DOWN UNDER

A big new station for tracking and guiding space satellites is to be built at Gove, Northern Australia, at a cost of one million Australian pounds.

CANCELLED—60 YEARS AGO!

The Philatelic Society of Auckland, New Zealand, has been honouring the diamond jubilee of a tiny post office at a place called Eureka. Not only is the post office 60 years old, but it is the only one in New Zealand which

still uses the squared-circle cancellation mark.

Mr. R. N. Campbell, postmaster and storekeeper at Eureka, said that the cancellation mark, used constantly in the past 60 years, is still in good condition.

BIRD IN THE HAND

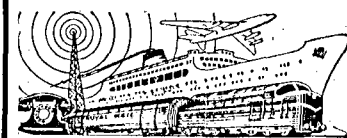
The message "Bird in hand," relayed to the Canadian Wildlife Service in Ottawa the other day, signalled the end of an unusual rescue operation.

A young whooping crane with a broken wing was spotted during a routine aerial survey of the cranes' nesting grounds in the Wood Buffalo National Park, on the border between the Province of Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

Because of the risk that the young crane, a member of an almost extinct species, might be taken by other birds or animals, rescue plans were started. Finding the bird again in such a wilderness was described as "like looking for a needle in a haystack."

But hours of patient searching eventually led to the crane being found. It was then taken by helicopter to a special hatching and rearing station in a wildlife refuge in Colorado, USA.

BRIEFLY . . .



A homesick English housewife of Brisbane, Australia, is to receive a dozen acorns from the Earl of Guilford's estate near Dover.

Food For Thought

Sixteen-year-old Queen's Scout James Usher won first prize in a fruit cake competition at Hawley, Kent. Second place went to—his mother!

The 1964 World Ploughing Championship, held in Austria, has been won by an Irishman, Mr. Charles Keelan.

Shark Agreement

An agreement lasting 20 years which has been signed by Britain and Norway allows Norway to continue fishing for dogfish and basking sharks off the north coast of Scotland.

The north wall of ancient Jerusalem has been unearthed by British and Canadian archaeologists. It dates back to 1800 BC.

CLOCKS BACK!

British Summer Time ends on Sunday next (25th) so all clocks and watches should be put back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday.

Advertiser's Announcement

A BLOW FOR BRIAN'S HOPES FROM JIM CLARK

IT'S JIM CLARK! HE'S WON AGAIN! LET'S GET HIS AUTOGRAPH AT THE PITS, RACE YOU!

O.K.

HE'LL WIN! I GET OUT OF BREATH TOO EASILY!

GEE THANKS, MR. CLARK. AND CAN MY PAL BRIAN HAVE ONE? HE WANTS TO BE A GRAND PRIX DRIVER, TOO!

GASP

WELL, BRIAN, YOU'LL NEVER MAKE A G.P. DRIVER IN THAT SHAPE. WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?

I DON'T KNOW MR. CLARK—I JUST CAN'T GET MY WIND WHEN I RUN

IT'S THOSE FAGS, BRIAN. I TOLD YOU SMOKING WOULD CUT DOWN YOUR WIND

CIGARETTES, EH? NO WONDER. WORST THING YOU COULD DO

I SUPPOSE YOU DON'T SMOKE, THEN, MR. CLARK?

NO I DON'T BRIAN. ANYWAY, WHY PAY GOOD MONEY TO SPOIL YOUR FITNESS

TAKE A TIP FROM ME. THE BEST WAY TO STOP SMOKING IS NEVER START

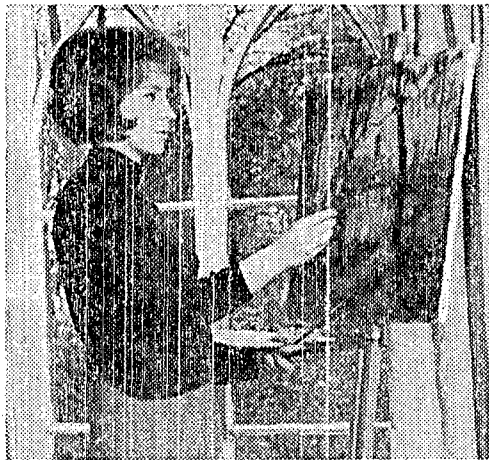
JIM CLARK WORLD CHAMPION RACING DRIVER

The Children's Newspaper, 24th October, 1964

SPECIALLY FOR GIRLS

YOUNG SUFFOLK ARTIST HUNG AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY

ANABEL GOSLING, a 21-year-old Suffolk artist, recently had two of her paintings hung in the Royal Academy during the summer exhibition.



Anabel Gosling working on a painting at her Suffolk home

She paints at her home at Mutton Hall, Wetherden, Suffolk, and specialises in landscapes.

Anabel is a student of the Byam Shaw School of Drawing and Painting in Kensington, London. Recently, she hand-coloured postcards of her painting of Wetherden Church and these were sold in aid of urgent repairs to the church.

SCANDINAVIA'S POP PICTURE FRAMES

Tops with Scandinavian teenagers is the new, exciting way of keeping a collection of pop pictures in triangular photo frames. In various pastel shades, the frames are easily fixed to the wall by a pin and can be arranged in a variety of different patterns. These are now being produced over here by Reid and Company, of Mountfields Drive, Loughborough, Leicester, and sell at 4s. 11d. for a pack of six. They are also available in Gift Packs, complete with Greeting cards to make an ideal present.



"Great party—who's the referee?"

SUCH A LIVELY LINE-UP



Tina Dobinson and a barrowload of mischief

KEEPING four valuable four-month-old Sealyham puppies in line for a photograph isn't all that easy, but five-year-old Tina Dobinson seems to have managed quite well.

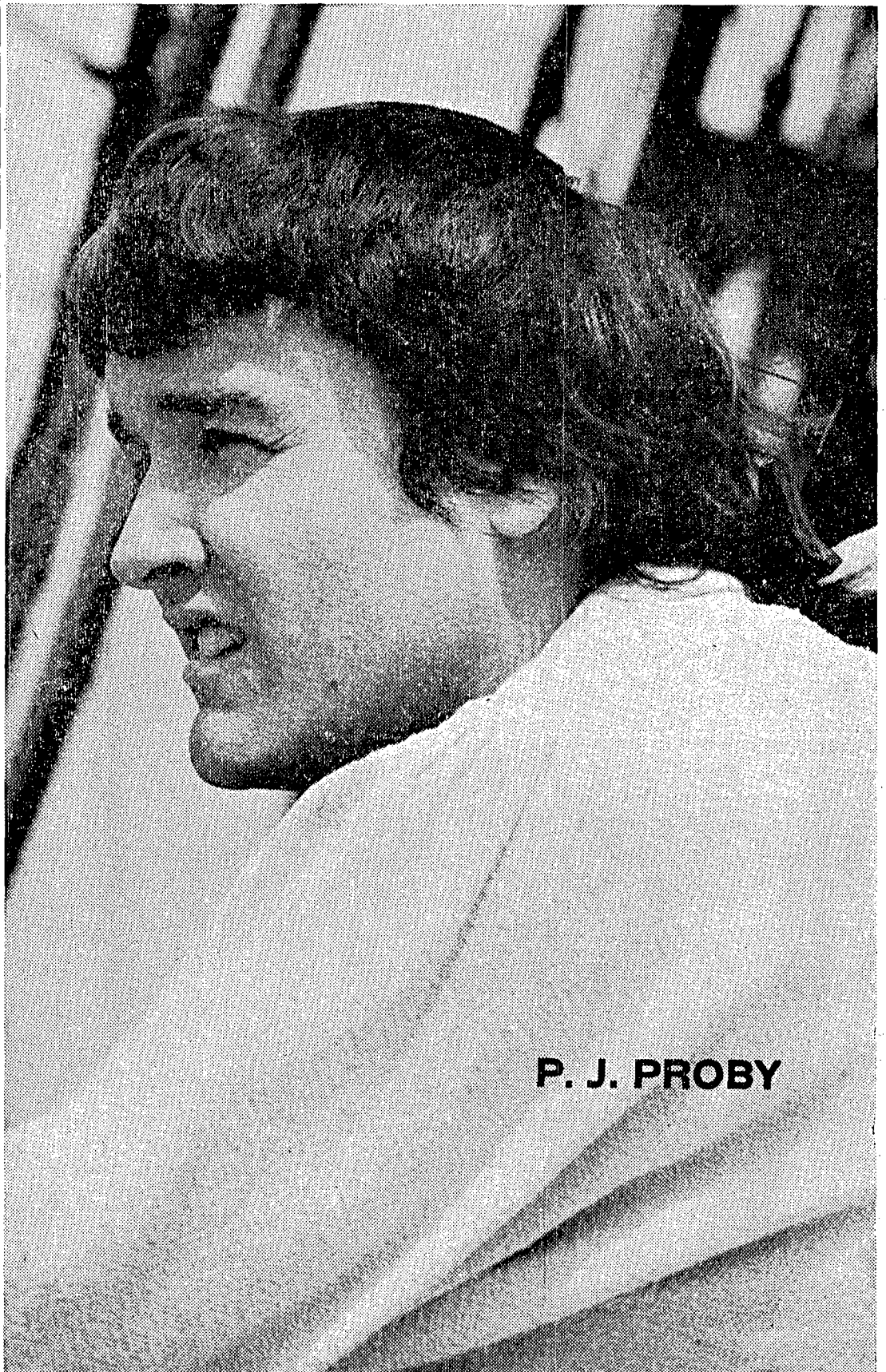
The pups belong to Mrs. B. Forsyth, of Brasted, Kent, and are being groomed for show careers in this country and abroad. From left to right their names are Fran, Greta, Verna, and Tina.

Vicky

POP SPOT



This week CN features American singer P.J. PROBY whose ambition is to beat The Beatles



P. J. PROBY

HOLD ME was the first disc P. J. PROBY (real name James Marcus Smith) made for Decca, and it became No. 3 in our Hit Parade.

This dynamic, beribboned, black-haired 25-year-old from Texas was previously a taxi-driver and bricklayer before 'ghosting' songs for Elvis Presley. (He waxed them the way it was thought Elvis should sing them). Now he's on his own, singing in a kind of emotional growl that has put his latest disc, *Together*, high in the Charts.

Proby appeared in American TV, Radio, and Night Club shows, and, over here, in *Thank Your Lucky Stars* and *Around The Beatles*. (The latter may account for his ambition to become as big as The Beatles—in six months.)

He likes big cars ; rain, steak, and girls. He also likes our country and our climate—so much so that he plans to live here permanently. That's the kind of 'togetherness' his fans will love!

Next Week : The Newbeats



HOW WE RUN OUR COUNTRY

INSIDE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

WHEN the next Parliament meets, there will be many MPs in the House of Commons who will be new to it. They will never have been in Parliament before. When they go into the House of Commons, what will they see?

The Commons debating chamber is a big oblong with a number of galleries from which people can watch and listen. At one end is the Speaker's Chair, and in front of this stands the Table of the House. Opposite the Speaker's Chair and at the other end of the chamber is a line on the floor marking the official entrance to the House. This is known as the Bar of the House.

The benches on which the MPs sit, run the length of the chamber on both sides. They face each other across a broad gangway, known as the "floor of the House."

The Government Party sit on Mr. Speaker's right, the Cabinet Ministers on the front bench, called the Treasury Bench, and the other Members behind them on the "back benches." The Opposition sit on Mr. Speaker's left, the Leader and senior Members on the front bench, and the other Members on the back benches.

The chamber can only seat 437 MPs—and there are 630 altogether. This is quite deliberate. When it was decided, in 1943, to build a new debating chamber, it was also agreed that it should be the same size as the one destroyed by



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German bombs. Only on rare occasions are all the Members of the House present, and the idea of keeping to a comparatively small chamber was to preserve the intimacy of the debates.

Foreign visitors are often curious

about the shape of the debating chamber of the House of Commons and the arrangement of the benches for MPs facing one another. The chief reason for this is that we have a "two-party" system, with only two big political parties, and it is thus convenient to have the Members of one party on one side and Members of the other on the opposite side. In many countries of the world, debating chambers are not rectangular but semi-circular. This is because often there are many political parties in these countries and sometimes there is not much difference between one party and another, so they all sit in a semi-circle together.

Write To Your MP

The public can go to listen to the debates in the House of Commons if they wish. The best thing to do if you want to visit the House of Commons is to write to your MP for a ticket well before you want to go. Your teacher will tell you what to do.

Next week:
THE NEW MP

TAKE A LOOK AT NATURE



ANIMALS IN AUTUMN

DO not be depressed about the coming of autumn. The leaves may be turning colour and many will fall, but the bare trees will let you see birds more easily.

There are the autumn migrants to look for: the redwings and fieldfares (relations of our thrushes); the handsome bramblings, which resemble chaffinches, but which can be distinguished from them by the conspicuous white rump and rusty-hued shoulders.

We think of the colder months as being those when there are no insects about, but they are there

by
Maxwell Knight

in some form. There are a few moths on the wing, and daddy-longlegs sometimes are to be observed into November, if it is not too cold. Of course, many insects spend the winter as pupae and chrysalids; some beneath the surface of the soil and others hidden away in crevices in the trunks of trees. Watch how those industrious hunters, the woodpeckers, tree-creepers, and even tits search for them!

Reptiles and amphibians will nearly all have gone into hibernation by the end of October; but



Richard Thistle of Stainsacre, Yorkshire, with a fox cub he reared after its mother had been killed

the adder seems to be able to stand lower temperatures than the others. I have many times seen one basking in the weakening sun in sheltered places much later than that.

As to mammals: squirrels, which don't hibernate in this country, will be busy picking up and burying acorns and nuts. Hedgehogs seldom go into their

winter coma before December, and will come to a saucer of bread and milk if it is put out near some spot where one is known to be.

Badgers will still be busy until about November, carrying new bedding in the form of dead bracken and leaves down below to their sleeping quarters, though they do not hibernate. They do, however, doze in their setts during really cold spells.

Foxes are never idle for long, and when natural food is getting scarce, people with poultry must take care to shut up their birds each night, for the cubs are now young foxes and will be hunting for themselves.

Regular Baiting

Neither field mice nor voles lie up for the winter, and I have often found that autumn is a good time for watching them, if you know their holes and runs. Regular baiting will bring them out near dusk. Breadcrumbs and grains of corn will lure them; and if you keep still and quiet, there is no reason why you shouldn't be able to watch them as successfully as you can birds.

Autumn is an exciting time if you know your animals' habits and take some trouble over planning your observations.

★ ★ ★ CN PANORAMA No. 1 THE AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

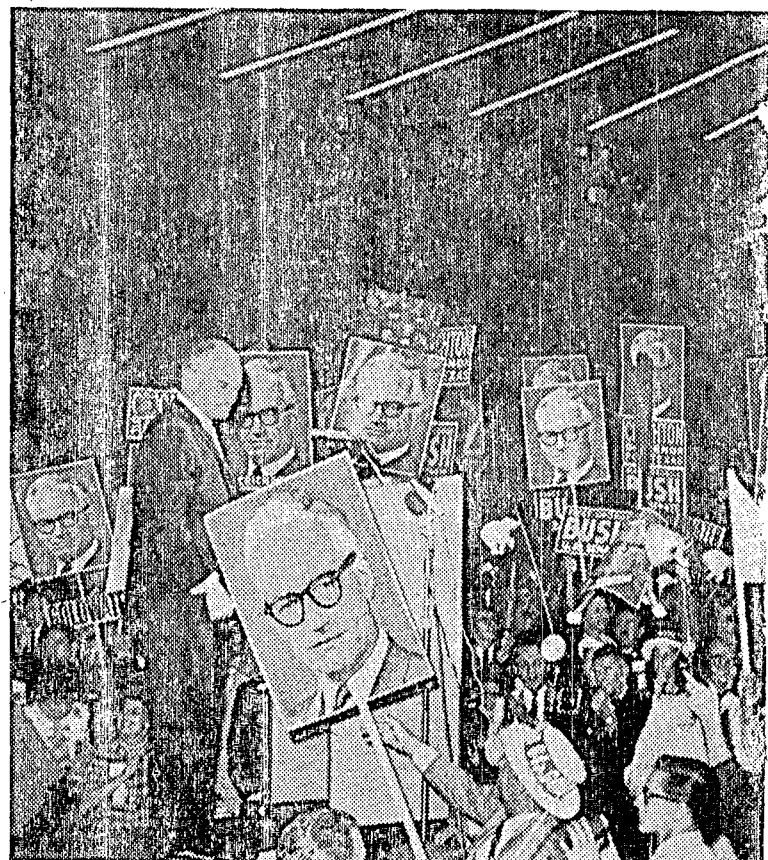


Voting machine: You turn a switch to record your choice for office

THE American Presidential election, with its large number of seats in the Senate, House, and State Governors have also to be elected (the House of Representatives). American offices, such as State

America elects a President every four years. The election year is divided into State Conventions (July-August, November). 4 Formal inaugurations of the President

For a century or so, though minority parties have been important so far has Republicans, who have as their Party) have as their seen on the right, have



A candidate for the Presidency must be American-born, not under 35 years of age. He is usually either a Senator, such as Republican Barry

24th October, 1964

News in Pictures ★ ★

AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 1964

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A Presidential Election is an election for a President of the United States and other offices as well. Thirty-five states elect their representatives for what we might call the "upper house" of Congress. (This is because one-third of the members are elected every second year.) Twenty-six State Governors are elected, and all the 435 members of Congress (equivalent to our House of Commons) are elected. They call their "MPs" Congressmen. There will also be rival candidates for local offices: Mayor, District Attorney, Sheriff.

The President is elected every four years, and the election is divided into four phases: 1 Primary Elections (March-June). 2 National Party Conventions (July-August). 3 Campaign and Election (September-October). 4 Ballot of the Electoral College and the inauguration of the new President.

In the US there has been a two-party system for over a century. Parties appear from time to time, but they have never been small. The Republicans call themselves the GOP (Grand Old Party) and use an elephant as a symbol. Democrats, as you know, use a donkey.



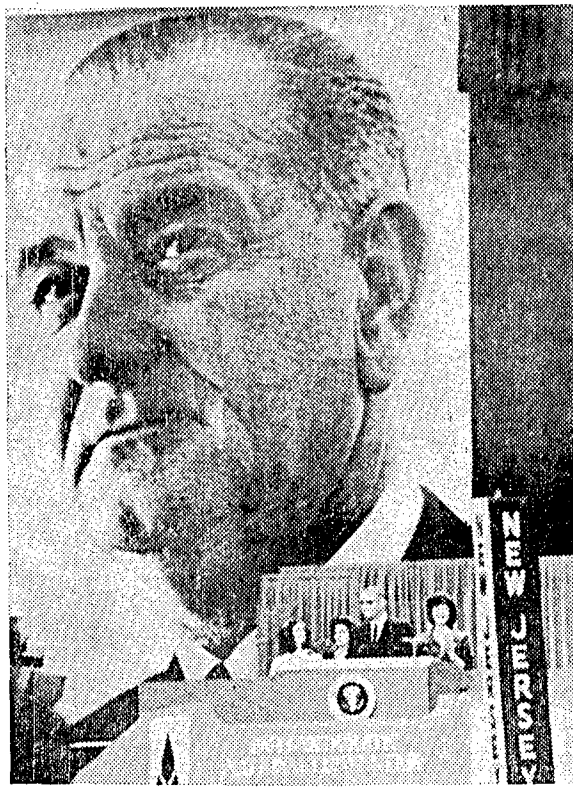
Election time is a time for stunts. Here is a mule, representing the donkey, which is the symbol of the Democratic Party, during a wild demonstration for President Johnson



5 years old, and resident in the USA for 5 years (above), or a State Governor



Plaster on a girl's broken leg used as a novel election stunt



Lyndon Johnson, after receiving nomination by the Democratic Party as the candidate of their choice

From a CN Reader

HOW TO USE A SEA-URCHIN

A few weeks ago we told how sea-urchins were gathered from the seabed for use as souvenirs. Now a reader tells us a little more about them.

I saw the sea-urchins in a shop window when I was on holiday at Penzance, Cornwall. The lovely, grapefruit-sized shell balls were being sold as ornaments after their insides had been cleaned out.

The body of a sea-urchin, in the breeding season, is filled with thousands of eggs, or roe. In Naples, people boil the urchin in sea-water, take out the roe, and eat it with bread and butter.

I bought a sea-urchin shell for two shillings and sixpence. It was very lovely, coloured pale cream and mauve. But there were also pink and white ones.

Strong Little Teeth

Urchins feed on tiny animals found in seaweed. They grind them up with their five strong, little teeth.

In Mount's Bay, where there is a rocky island with a ruined castle on top, skin-divers have been gathering sea-urchins from the water for years. When they had almost gathered in the lot, lobsters and crayfish returned to the bay, to the great delight of the fishermen. The urchins had been eating up all the food.

Although fishing for lobsters and crayfish is more profitable than gathering sea-urchins, there is quite a good trade in their shells in the little gift shops of the seaside towns. Prices vary enormously, according to the size of the shells and to the locality in which they are being offered. I saw some, no more beautiful than mine, and no larger, priced at seven shillings and sixpence, which is far too much.

Electric-Light Bulbs

Some of the little cafés and restaurants had put electric-light bulbs inside the hollow shells. But it cannot be easy to drill holes in such delicate shell.

I have brought my sea-urchin home with me and filled it with plaster-of-paris. It stands on my desk and keeps my papers from blowing about when the garden window is open.

FLORENCE PETTIT



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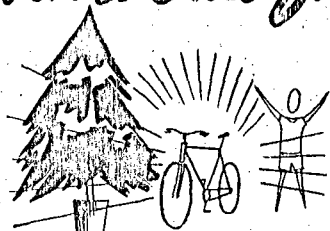
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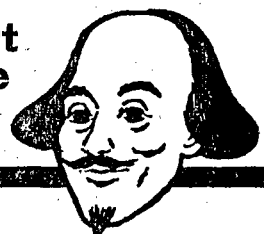
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Part
One



The Tempest

For twelve long, lonely years, Prospero and his daughter, Miranda, had never seen another human being. They lived on an enchanted desert island where their only companions were the gentle island spirits—and the ugly Caliban, son of Sycorax, a witch.

Sycorax had entombed the island spirits inside tree trunks when they had refused to do her bidding. After she died, they were still imprisoned.

When Prospero had arrived, he released them by his powers of magic. In return, the spirits had been very happy to serve him.

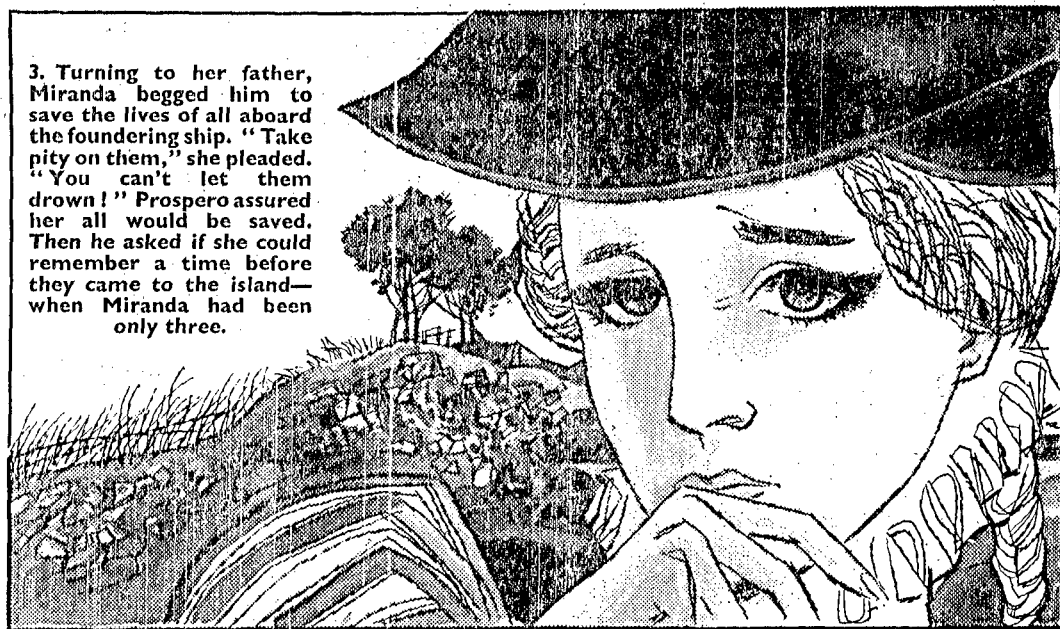
1. The chief spirit was Ariel—kind but mischievous. He took great delight in teasing Caliban. This he was able to do very well, since he could make himself invisible, so that the ugly Caliban never knew from which direction his hair would next be pulled. It was all quite harmless fun, and Miranda was very much amused by it.



2. Prospero decided that the time had come for him to tell Miranda how and why they came to the island. With the help of Ariel he had learned to command the wind and waves at will, and now he showed Miranda a picture of a terrible storm he had created at sea, in which a large sailing vessel was being tossed about like a cork.



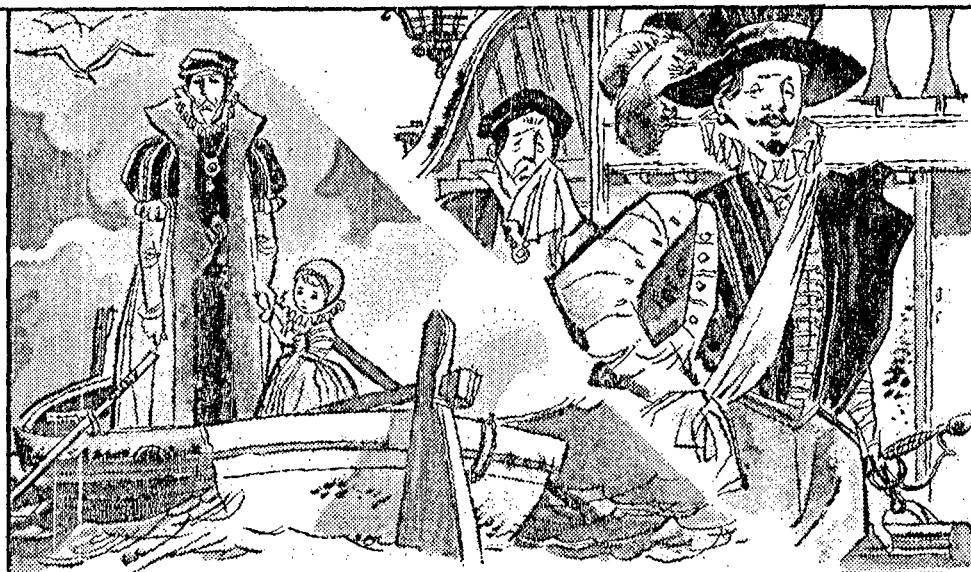
3. Turning to her father, Miranda begged him to save the lives of all aboard the foundering ship. "Take pity on them," she pleaded. "You can't let them drown!" Prospero assured her all would be saved. Then he asked if she could remember a time before they came to the island—when Miranda had been only three.



4. Miranda had often pictured a fine house and ladies-in-waiting, believing it to be but a dream. Now she knew it to have been true. But, why should her father speak of this past life now?



5. Prospero then told her that he was the rightful Duke of Milan, and had once lived in royal style. Her uncle, Antonio, and the King of Naples had deprived him of his Dukedom and lands. With Miranda he had been forced aboard a ship (such as the one caught in the storm) and had been set adrift. He would have died but for the loyalty of a courtier named Gonzalo. He it was who provisioned the boat with food and books of magic. Eventually they reached their present island home.



6. Fascinated, Miranda listened to all her father had to say. She could understand everything except his reason for endangering the lives of those aboard the ship in the terrible storm he had created. Why, she asked her father, had he done this? Why?



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WORLD OF STAMPS

A CATALOGUE IS A GREAT HELP

AUTUMN is the season when many new stamp catalogues are published. A few words about these useful books may therefore be welcome, especially to collectors who are thinking of buying one.

A good catalogue lists the stamps of different countries, beginning with the earliest issues and ending with the most recent. The larger ones have pictures of almost every design. Colours, dates of issue, watermarks, perforations, and other details are also included.

Most important of all, perhaps, every stamp is priced in "mint" and in "used" condition. These prices are those at which the firm publishing the catalogue will sell the stamps, if they are in stock.

It is wrong to imagine that if a collector has a stamp catalogued

stamps and mounting them in correct order. It will show the collector which stamps he still needs to complete a particular series.

Next week I hope to have space to mention the names of some new catalogues, with details of the issues they cover. Now for a glance at some of this week's new issues.

A FINE series of flag stamps has been issued in Egypt to celebrate a recent conference of



13 Arab countries. Each stamp shows, in colour, the flag of a country represented at the conference. Pictured here is that of Iraq.

Another conference is celebrated by a special Japanese stamp. Held in Tokyo, the conference was attended by the heads of many of the world's banks, by ministers of finance, and by representatives of international financial organisations. The "coins" are coloured gold on a red background.



SEVERAL attractive new issues have come from Austria. Pictured here is the 3-schilling

"Europa" stamp, similar to those issued recently in many European countries to honour CEPT, the European Conference of Posts and Telecommunications.

Another issue, also pictured here, marks the 40th anniversary of the Austrian Radio service. The front panel of a radio set forms part of the design.



by C. W. Hill

at 10s, the catalogue publishers will give him ten shillings for it. Assuming that the firm wished to buy the stamp, their offer would have to be lower so that they could make a profit when re-selling the stamp to another collector.

Most of the firms publishing catalogues in fact already have adequate stocks of the commoner stamps and seldom purchase these in small quantities from collectors.

But the catalogue prices do at least give an indication of a stamp's rarity. The catalogue is also useful as an aid to identifying

PICK A PUZZLE

BATTLE AND APPLE

Answer the clues correctly and the initial letters, read downwards, will spell the name of a battle and a type of apple. The dots indicate the number of letters in each answer.

- Capital of Yugoslavia
- English Reformer who became Bishop of Worcester under Henry VIII
- He stands in Piccadilly Circus
- Native ruler in India
- Famous American university
- International language
- Famous novel by Sir Walter Scott
- Pilgrim Fathers' ship

ANALOGIES

- Numismatist is to coins as philatelist is to
- Puppy is to dog as is to swan.
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Answers to puzzles are on page 12

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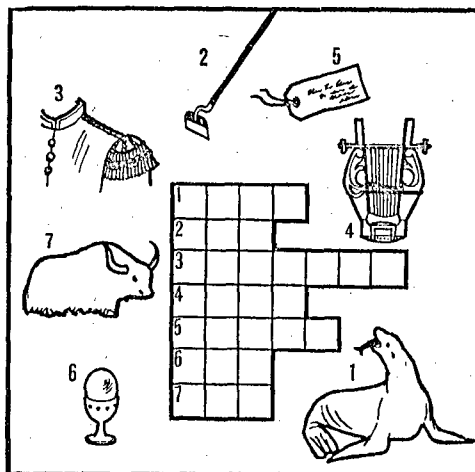
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INITIALS FOR A FAMOUS POET

Solve the clues correctly, and you will find that the initial letters, read downwards, spell the name of a 19th century British poet.



PAIRS, PLEASE!

Can you pair off the places in the first column with their associated commodities in the second?

- Axminster
- Luton
- Northampton
- Nottingham
- Sheffield
- Stoke

- Shoes
- Carpets
- Steel
- Pottery
- Lace
- Hats

RED RIDDLES

Can you say what each of the following mean?

A red herring; red letter; red-start; red tape; redwood

PROVERB PUZZLE

An animal or bird in place of the dots will complete a proverb.

When the ... is away the ... will play.

What is sauce for the ... is sauce for the ...

Every ... has his day.

It was the straw that broke the ...'s back.

One ... does not make a summer.

You cannot make a silk purse out of a ...'s ear.

Don't count your ... before they are hatched.

If wishes were ... beggars would ride.

THOSE PIPERS AGAIN!

From behind the rock-fall in the mine there was coming a very faint tapping sound . . .

The Pipers—Mum, Dad, Vince, Tas, and Leonie—live in a Tasmanian valley. Tas and Leonie go to the same school as Bulldog Rainbird.

The Rainbirds are poor, and there is trouble in the family. First Mr. Rainbird and then Bulldog disappear from home.

Tas thinks Bulldog may have gone to a place in the hills where his grandfather has a one-man coal mine.

Tas goes there to look for Bulldog, finds him and together they discover that the old man is trapped in the mine.

Tas tells the story . . .

12. "Your Dad's In There!"

WE must have spent nearly an hour dragging rocks off the pile of rubble there, pulling them away with our bare hands. For a long time it didn't seem to make any difference, then gradually we cleared a space near the top of the tunnel, enough to worm into and reach forward for the next bit and then wriggle out and hand it back.

"Won't be long now," said Bulldog, pointlessly, as far as I could tell, since the fall might stretch thirty or forty yards back and we might be just scratching the surface.

He clambered down off the pile, panting.

"You have a go up there now," he said. We were taking it in turns to reach for the rocks.

As he said this, there was a slithering noise and three or four tons of earth and rock fell out of the roof and filled up the gap we'd been so long clearing out. It did more: it poured over the whole slope, making the fall bigger than ever.

After it had settled, we stared at it through the dust and then looked at each other. Faint tapping started again on the far side, as if to reassure us that the old man was at least still alive. Then, before we'd taken in the full damage, the lantern went out; it just died, out of oil.

"We'll have to go back to the hut now," Bulldog said in the darkness. "Maybe if we look around we might find a shovel and a pick somewhere. Not that it'll make much difference; still . . ."

His voice trailed off and a depressed silence followed. Then I heard him groping on the floor for the lamp. He found it and we started back down the tunnel.

It took quite a time to reach the open air again, feeling all the time on both sides of the tunnel to make sure of not knocking our brains out on one of the projecting

lumps of rock that old Rainbird had cut round. But at last a faint blueish light filled the tunnel, and the smell of eucalyptus, and a moment after that the round hole of the tunnel mouth appeared far ahead. We made better progress then.

Outside we found it was afternoon. We could hardly believe it was the same world. The sun sat in a cloudless sky, the sharp tang of heated gums and tea-tree filled the air and the heat was like walking into a furnace. Down there in the tunnels, you almost forgot it was summer.

WE lit a fire in the hut, brewed a quick billy of tea and ate the remains of the food I'd brought from home. Now we were outside, we felt weak and in need of something.

"Wish we could give the old man a drop of this," Bulldog said, sipping the hot, sweet drink. "Do

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RICHARD PARKER

you reckon it's too big a job for us?"

"Maybe we ought to go and get help," I said. "Trouble is, we couldn't get anyone back here within twenty-four hours, and in that time we could break through by ourselves."

"If we don't bring the whole tunnel in," said Bulldog sourly.

We decided to have another go at the fall before going for help. We'd found a crowbar and an old shovel with a twisted blade, and a small garden spade. We also found a can with about a pint and a half of kerosene in it, and from this we filled the lantern.

We picked all these up and trudged back towards the mouth of the cave. Then suddenly Bulldog flung down the old shovel he'd been carrying and belted himself across the head with his open hand.

"I'm a proper drongo!" he exclaimed. "If only I had brains, like some people!"

"What's brains got to do with it?"

"I know those passages. I suddenly remembered. That place where we slipped!"

"Well?" I said.

"That was a clay patch," he said. "And the next tunnel has one just the same. And the two tunnels sort of come towards each other. Pretty nearly meet, I shouldn't wonder."

"I still don't get it," I said.

"Well, there are two passages side by side, see. One this side of the fall and the other beyond it. And at one point these side passages almost meet. Except for this patch of clay."

"Which we could cut through much more easily than rock!" I cried, suddenly getting his meaning.

"Course, it might not work,"

he said. "It might be a different patch of clay. There might be a wall of rock between the two."

"It's worth a try," I said.

THIS put new life into us. We got back to the mine as quickly as possible and found the place where we had slipped and broken the lamp - glass

Tons of earth and rock crashed down from the roof and filled up the gap we had been so long clearing out

before. Sure enough, the side of the tunnel was clay for a matter of ten or twelve feet, almost as if there had once been a passage there and it had been plugged up by some giant with a thumbful of putty. We attacked it with the crowbar and the spade.

This time, of course, we made really rapid progress. In no time at all, it seemed, we had a hole about three feet across and ten feet deep. We rested then for a spell.

"The thing is," Bulldog said, "we've no idea how far we've got to go. There might be another thirty or forty feet of it, in which case we'll have to do something about propping the roof up."

We were lying side by side on the wet clay with the lamp a few feet behind us. We were cold, but not enough to worry about.

"On the other hand," I said, "I might give the crowbar a push, and that would be it."

And as I said this I pushed the point of the crowbar into the sticky yellow clay and it went right through.

"Like that!" exclaimed Bulldog, laughing and getting to work with the spade.

He couldn't be bothered to make a proper hole; just a space to squirm through. I handed him through the lantern as soon as his feet had gone, and then followed.

We went up the passage to the main tunnel and then turned left into that and almost immediately ran into a great rock as big as a bus that completely sealed off the tunnel. It seemed to have come down out of the roof all in one piece, like one of these portcullis things we got pictures of in the history book. The difference was, you couldn't see through it.

At first we just stood there looking at it like a couple of drongos, without a word to say. Then Bulldog went up close with the lamp and examined carefully all round it. In some places there were gaps; not big ones, but enough to put an arm through.

He went all round, not speaking, but pushing his arm into each of these cracks and feeling as far in as he could.



"WELL?" I said, when he'd finished.

"We'd never shift it," he said. "Even a bulldozer wouldn't make much of it. It's jammed hard against the tunnel on the other side."

"What about those gaps you were putting your arm in?"

"They can't go far. Can't feel any draught through them."

"What do we do, then?" He shook his head miserably and then squatted down on the ground and stared at the floor, as if he'd given up altogether.

"Look, we've got to do something," I said. "If your Granddad's behind that rock, at least we've got to try."

Bulldog didn't budge. He just sat there, rocking a bit from side to side like a little kid that's got the miseries, staring at the floor of the tunnel.

I clambered over him and went up to one of these gaps, the biggest one, and put my face right against it. It was almost wide enough to get my head into, but not quite. Then I shouted right into this hole:

"Mr. Rainbird! Mr. Rainbird! Are you through there?"

Nothing happened for a moment; then there was a sort of rattle on stones, like boots clambering on loose stuff. I turned my head sideways so as to hear better, and looked back at Bulldog to make sure it wasn't him.

"I can hear him moving!" I said. But Bulldog didn't seem to hear.

Then suddenly this voice came, right out of the rock. I jumped back a bit, it was so spooky.

"Who is it?" said the voice.

Loud, it was, but not a human sort of voice at all. More like some machine that's been made up to speak words. Harsh and husky.

"Tas Piper," I said. "And Bulldog Rainbird. We've been digging round the other side, trying to get through to you, but the roof fell in again." The answer had been so clear and loud, I didn't shout this time. I guessed there must be a hole right round the side of the rock and it acted like a speaking tube.

"GOOD on yer, kid," this voice said. Then there was a pause, and, when it started again, there were long waits between the words as if whoever was speaking was just about finished as far as strength was concerned.

"No good . . . digging . . . other side," he said. "Too big . . . Had a go . . . ourselves . . . too tired now . . ."

"Ourselves?" I said. "How many of you are there, then?"

"Me and . . . and my old dad," the voice said.

I turned round to Bulldog, but he didn't seem to be taking it in. I got hold of his shoulders and gave him a good shake.

"Here, make sense, can't you?" I bawled at him. "That's your Dad in there! Can't you hear? That's your Dad talking!"

Suddenly it seemed to sink in. He jumped up and practically threw himself on this great rock.

"DAD!" he was shouting. "You through there, Dad? Don't you worry. We'll soon have you out!"

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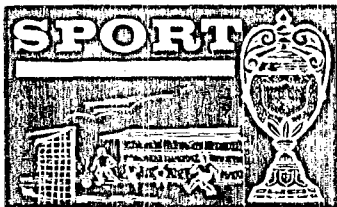
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FOOTBALL SPECIAL!

A big picture of **LIVERPOOL Football Club** will be on this page **NEXT WEEK!**



Geoffrey Thwaites, 100 yards Backstroke winner (16-19 years) in last year's championships, now an Olympic swimmer

THE English Schools' Swimming Association's 15th annual Swimming and Diving Championships are this year being held at Grimsby Baths. Competitors from schools in every part of England will be taking part in the two days of the championships (30th and 31st October).

In all there will be 28 events—14 for girls and 14 for boys. From these events it is almost certain that there will emerge some new stars whose names will become as well-known as are those of our present-day champions.

Look at the names of some of the winners in last year's championships—Frances Cramp, Sandra Keen, Jacqueline Enfield, Pauline Sillett, Anne Cotterill, Geoffrey Thwaites, Neil Nicholson, and John Thurley. These boys and girls have been in Tokyo, swimming and diving for Great Britain.

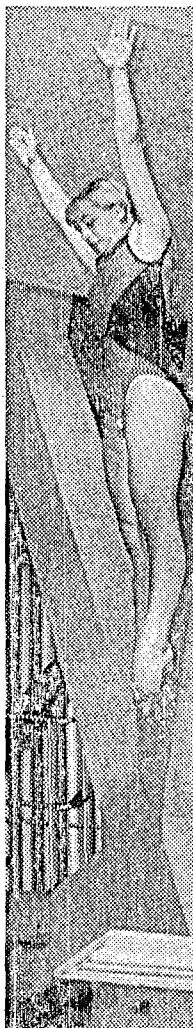
Doubtless some of the winners in this year's championships will be in Great Britain's team at the next Olympics—in Mexico in 1968.

THE ESSA is the youngest of all schools' associations. It was founded in May, 1949, and Harry Finch, of the Great Yarmouth SSA, became its first secretary.

Within a year he had succeeded in affiliating more than 200 different schools' swimming associations.

Mr. Finch's association with

Frances Cramp, who won the Diving (16-19 years) event in the championships last year, took part in the Tokyo Olympics



Great Yarmouth resulted in this Norfolk town putting up three trophies: The Great Yarmouth Challenge Bowl for the 13-16 girls; The Great Yarmouth Stadium Trophy, for the 16-19 girls; and The Marshall Trophy, for the 13-16 boys. He also got a fourth trophy—The Grimsby Trawler Owners', for the 16-19 boys.

All four trophies were presented to winning Divisions in the first schools' championships, held at Bethnal Green, in east London, in September 1950.

Tragedy

Tragedy followed in 1953, when Harry Finch was killed in a car accident while on the way to the championships at Bristol. Counties, Divisions, and the ESSA Council wanted to buy a trophy to commemorate him, and in 1954 the H. J. A. Finch Memorial Trophy was offered to the Division which scored most points in all age groups in Diving.

Ten years after its founding, the ESSA received four more trophies. There is the fine shield presented by the Amateur Swimming Association, for the winning team in the Schoolboys' Free Style Championship; a trophy for the corresponding Girls' Championship; and two shields for Life Saving Competitions.

These shields were presented in honour of Arthur Mothersdale, who devoted his time not only to all aspects of swimming, but rendered great service in the Northumberland and Durham branch of the Royal Life Saving Society.

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Sportsbag

ALL WORCESTERSHIRE—and all other cricketing counties—will be happy in the thought that popular Don Kenyon will lead the County side again next season—for the seventh successive time.

That is a splendid record; and for Don 1965 will be a special year. It will be his 20th with Worcestershire.

In these 20 years, Don has played in eight Test matches; scored more than 34,000 runs (including some 70 centuries); and twice had a finger broken (in 1958, each time by a ball from Trevor Bailey of Essex).

Under his captaincy, Worcestershire finished in second place in the County table in 1962, and reached the final of the Gillette Cup in the following year. Don's happiest moment came towards the end of August, when Worcestershire won the County championship for the first time.

No doubt Don will be doubly eager to retain the championship, and to win the Gillette Cup, too. What an achievement that would be—and what a way to mark not only his 20th season with Worcestershire, but also the Club's centenary!

The Sports Editor.

Free Kick

The following comes from the latest issue of FA News:

THE longest kick recorded in soccer history has recently been made by a player of Lazio-Rome FC. In a training session he kicked the ball over a surrounding fence; it landed in a van on the way to the airport; was loaded with other freight on a plane to Australia; and arrived in Sydney.

The airport authorities were able to identify the ball because its name had been painted on it. It now rests in the Club's museum.

Let's Sing Again and Again

A RATHER amusing note reached me the other day. It told of a Wolverhampton hockey club which fields a side entirely of Indians, nine of them named Singh!

A Mascot Named Ookpik

MARY RAND took a Gonk to Tokyo with her as a mascot. Every sport has its mascots—fervent supporters themselves are sometimes a team's "good-luck" charm.

Now I hear of an Ookpik, or Arctic owl, which has become a mascot of the Edmonton Eskimos Football Club. The Ookpik presented to the club is over four feet high and is made of fur. In Eskimo mythology, Ookpik is wise and just, and is always a good luck symbol.

I haven't yet heard what success has come to the Edmonton Eskimos.

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ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

CN Chess Club (P. 3): 1... Q-B6! If PxQ, B-R6 mate. If P-N3, Q-R8 mate. (P. 10) Initials for a Famous Poet: 1 Seal. 2 Hoc. 3 Epaulot. 4 Lyre. 5 Label. 6 Egg. 7 Yak—initials read downwards spelling SHELLEY. Pairs, Please! Axminster—carpets; Luton—hats; Northampton—shoes; Nottingham—lace; Sheffield—steel; Stoke—pottery. Red Riddles: Irrelevant matter brought into a controversy to confuse the issue; important or outstanding; bird of the fly-catcher family; official routine which causes delay; big cone-bearing tree. Proverb Puzzle: Cat, mice; goose, gander; dog; camel; swallow; sow; chickens; horses. Analogies: Stamps; cygnet; Warsaw; India. Battle and Apple: Belgrade; Latimer; Eros; Nabob; Harvard; Esperanto; Ivanhoe; Mayflower.



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